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Intelligence Community Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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National Security Agency

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FROM:

[redacted]  
Chairman, FSEU Working Group

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SUBJECT:

Future Signals Environment Update [redacted]

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1. The purpose of this memorandum is twofold: to thank you for NSA's excellent support to the 19 November mini-conference on Future Communications Signals and to give you a status report on our overall efforts. [redacted]

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2. The 19 November mini-conference was designed to bring together knowledgeable individuals from the Intelligence Community to discuss [redacted] first draft of the chapter on communications. We had intended that all attendees would have reviewed the draft prior to the conference. In practice, many had not because of unavoidable delays in distributing the draft. Nevertheless, we believe the conference was very successful because we had most of the right people there (about 30 in attendance) and because the NSA briefings (see attached agenda) were excellent and to the point. Please pass on our thanks to [redacted] and all the briefers for a job well done. [redacted]

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3. Having completed all four of the mini-conferences, we are now working toward the following milestones:

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- o Final chapter drafts incorporating comments received at mini-conferences.
  - Scheduled: 1 December
  - Expected: 10-15 December
- o Initial Draft Report
  - Scheduled: 15 December
  - Expected: 20 December

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- o Coordination Meetings
  - Scheduled: 15 December-15 January
  - Expected: 10 December-15 January  
(on individual sections)
- o NFIB Meeting
  - Scheduled: January 1988
  - Expected: January 1988

In summary, we are now 1-2 weeks behind schedule but we are hoping to make up the time by starting the coordination process on individual chapters instead of a complete initial draft report. We are sensitive to the need to finish the effort on time and we will do everything we can here to make that happen.

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4. As you probably know, the chapter on communications is the most important part of our effort. We think that [REDACTED] first draft, supplemented by the information in the briefings at the mini-conference, will answer most of the questions posed in the Terms of Reference. Since [REDACTED] will need input from other NSA organizations to complete his draft, I would greatly appreciate any help you can provide in ensuring that these inputs are provided to him as soon as possible. We will also need your help in ensuring that all appropriate NSA inputs are provided during the coordination process. We expect to hold coordination meetings every three days (or more frequently, if necessary) to have any chance at all of making the schedule. [REDACTED]

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5. If you have any questions on our study effort, please feel free to give me a call [REDACTED] or arrange a meeting. Again, please extend our thanks to [REDACTED] and the other NSA individuals for the excellent support we have received thus far. [REDACTED]

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Attachment:

- 19 November Mini-Conference Agenda [REDACTED]

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